

MORTALITY FROM DRINK.

Intemperance Claims Annually 150,000 Victims in the United States.

Statistics collected carefully from all the states of the Union show that 150,000 people are every year the victims of intemperance.

There are two classes of victims of intemperance. One class comprises those who die from the effects of drink on themselves. The professor restricts in his estimate of the victims to this class, and if the evils of intemperance were confined to the drinkers his remarks may be correct. But the evil effects of intemperance extend far beyond the drinkers of the poison and injure the lives of tens of thousands of others. These die from the indirect effects of intemperance.

Drunkards all have or have had parents. Many of them are brothers or sisters, husbands or wives, parents, employees and neighbors. Who can count up the number of deaths that result from the neglect, cruelty, violence, or other things done by the intemperate to those who sustain these various relations, or the number of deaths from drunken brawls, exposures, accidents on railroads and elsewhere occasioned by drunken employees?

A large number of the murders and suicides are also the result of intemperance. One day's papers report these instances: A watchman, L. S. Kyes, fatally shot his wife and Mrs. Mary Weir, a neighbor. Kyes came home drunk, and going into the room where Mrs. Weir was nursing his wife he got angry because Mrs. Weir removed his heavy overcoat from the bed of the sick woman and shot first the wife, then the neighbor and last himself. Were not these two women the victims of intemperance?

Some months ago in the town of Garfield, Whitman county, Wash., a man was licensed to keep a saloon. Two men of influence in the village refused to join in the effort to hinder the license. A son of one of these men became intoxicated with whisky from the saloon and suffered exposure which brought on a disease of which he died. In December last nearly half a dozen boys of the town got drunk in the saloon, and going out from it they met and attacked the other man who would not oppose the license, killing him. These two persons were the victims of intemperance.

The New York Weekly Witness states the case of a small child of a saloon keeper who unseen got hold of and drank nearly a pint of whisky and died from the effects of it. The deaths from the indirect results of intemperance are more numerous perhaps than those from the direct effects. Who can enumerate the terrible list of parents who have died of grief and the neglect of drunken children, of wives and children who have died from the neglect and brutality of drunken husbands and parents? They are all the victims of intemperance.—Presbyterian Banner.

HE IS UP ON SOCIETY.

The Editor of the Arizona "Kicker" is no slouch.

ABOUT SNUBS.—When we established The Kicker, we were a lonesome looking man. We were dead broke for cash, hard up for clothes and we made no pretense as to grammar, poetry or oratory, but in establishing the paper we also determined to establish ourselves in society. In fact, we determined to lead it. The people rebelled at the innovation, but we persisted. It gradually dawned upon the populace inhabiting this plateau that we knew the difference between standing up to a dish of fried bacon and sitting down to a six course dinner, and they crowded back to give us room.

As editor, mayor and senator, there is no doubt of our being the Ward McAllister of a very large extent of territory, but now and then an individual rises up and attempts to hurt our society feelings. Such was the case last Friday evening when Mrs. Colonel de Verde of Arizona place gave a birthday party and left us out in the cold. She told some of her friends that she did it to rebuke our egotism, and we were no doubt rebuked. In leaving us out in the cold Mrs. de Verde brought disaster upon herself. Viewed from the McAllister standpoint, her party was a flat failure. Half the people present used the finger bowls to drink from, the coffee was sweetened with New Orleans molasses, and she was eleven napkins short when refreshments were served. To further rebuke us she invited the wretched old critter whom we are obliged to refer to as our "esteemed contemporary," and he sat at the head of the table and hollered for tripe and lemonade and corned beef! No wonder the party broke up at 10 o'clock and rushed the gate off its hinges in the mad desire to get away! Yesterday morning Colonel de Verde was taken to Wyoming under arrest. We have known for a year that he was "wanted" there. When the colonel conspired with his wife to pour ice water down our social spinal column, we felt it our duty to send off a brief telegram giving his location. We are not a revengeful man, but we have a policy to carry out. We have provided ourselves with a swallow tailed coat, white vest, billed shirt and other adjuncts. We have read up our etiquette. We know when the celery should be removed and the fried eggs brought in. We know when the salad should be retired and the ice cream quietly substituted. An attempt to snub us may justly be considered a blow at society and will be certain to result in disaster to the snubber.

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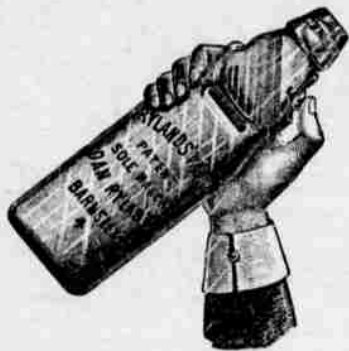
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